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WET PETITION IS PLACED ON FILE

Local Option Question Will Be Put Up To the Voters at Township Election April 2.

Moline's wet and dry battle is on. Petitions asking that the question, "Shall this township continue as a saloon territory?" be submitted to a vote of the people at the township election Tuesday, April 2, were filed with E. M. Lethin, town clerk, today. Attached to the papers were the signatures of about one thousand citizens, while the statutory requirement is but 25 per cent of the vote cast at the last township election, which in the instance would mean 450 names. Just who will handle the campaign for the wet is not divulged, but it is understood that two of the leaders of the losing liquor fight two years ago have been relegated in favor of new managers. How extensive a campaign will be waged has not been announced, but it is expected that the usual bitter contest will develop.

Police News

William Miller, 21 years old, a waiter in a restaurant at 1518 Third avenue, was taken into custody by Moline police yesterday afternoon on a warrant from Peoria county. Miller is charged with a statutory offense by a Peoria girl.

C. O. Russell, Davenport, was found guilty in Moline police court yesterday afternoon of operating a motorcycle without lights in violation of state vehicle laws. He was fined \$5 and costs.

FIRE TRUCK FREEZES UP.

East Moline's fire truck is out of commission again, this time as result of the severe cold weather and the shortage of fuel in East Moline. The city supply was so low that it was impossible last night to operate the big store in the auto room of police and fire headquarters. During the night the truck radiator froze and this morning it burst, and it was impossible to turn the engine over. A new radiator will be needed. The city this morning is without fire protection.

CARD SYSTEM PLANNED.

A card system has been evolved by the provost marshal general, which when complete will show at a glance the status and qualifications of every man. This information will have to be copied from the questionnaires, and the task will consume several weeks. Moline district has 5,177 registrants to whom questionnaires have been sent. This is the largest number of any district in Illinois outside of Chicago.

It will not be possible to start on this classification work until the cards are received. So far only 150 cards have been sent to the Moline exemption board, and most of these have been filled out.

GROVER BANKRUPT.

Cecile Sonnevill, Moline grocer, doing business at Eighteenth avenue and Seventh street, Moline, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy through his counsel, P. J. McCrean. His liabilities are listed at \$7,500 and his assets at \$25. An assignment of stock was made originally to satisfy creditors, but it was later decided to file a petition.

PRESENTED FLASHLIGHT.

Firemen at the central station, Moline, today presented Chauncey Hamilton with a flashlight. He recently resigned from the force after 11 years' service, to become merchants' policeman.

Dancing Coliseum tonight.



Suffer From Piles

No matter how long or how bad—go to your drugstore today and get a 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Treatment. It will give quick relief, and a single box often cures. A trial package mailed free in plain wrapper if you send us coupon below.

FREE SAMPLE COUPON

Pyramid Drug Company,
100 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall, Mich.
Kindly send me a Free sample of Pyramid Pile Treatment, in plain wrapper.

Name.....
Street.....
City..... State.....

ORDERED TO REPORT TO EXEMPTION BODY FOR EXAMINATION

Following is a list of 100 registrants who have been ordered by the Moline exemption board to report this evening at the Moline city hall for physical examination to test their fitness to serve in the national army:

Bondewyn DeBruine, Walter G. King, Paul L. Edstrand, William A. O'Brien, William P. Surman, Edward J. Richter, Robert Butske, Leopold Martens, Savas P. Venetocles, Richard Vankeersick, Elmer Bowles, Emil DeMoore, Walter F. York, Ralph Darden, Roy M. Bickford, Rene Van Der Voort, Henry Thomas Bell, Francis C. Hoogervort, Ruebel L. Gustus, Christ R. Marlin, Cyriel Desodt, Earl Smith, Harlan R. Race, Frans Bruner, Gidlot, Albert D. Aldredge, Joseph Henry Moore, Gust Loezoa, Ambrose O'Connor, Walter H. Weideman, Victor Emanuel Nelson, William Granberg, Roderick J. Morphy, Leo S. Nape, Rudolf Anderson, Arthur A. Anderson, C. H. Witherspoon, Carl E. Swanson, Ernest Johnson, Joseph Yatowt, Mosar DeBruyne, Edward C. Krouch, Harold Norton, Axel E. Nelson, Henry Hanson, Tom Kuykendall, Carl Oscar Malberg, William B. McKelvie, James F. Weist, Charles E. Cameron, Louis Meyer, Axel Ericson, Elmer G. Gundberg, Joseph E. A. Faust, Harry A. Thomas, Carl H. Rasmussen, Leon DeVolter, Arthur R. Gunnerson, Bronlesio Gritot, E. L. Carlson, William M. Thomas, Earl J. Webster, Edward H. Lindquist, Achiel Brucke, A. Van Doornvelk, George A. Nicolaov, John H. Giese, John Kokorlas, P. W. Christensen, Louis Desoete, Fred W. Neveling, L. D. Sandidge, Arthur E. Jones, Carl F. R. Jr., Ernest L. Hopkins, George E. Melin, J. P. Schroeder, Walter Grakul, Fred Reuth, Edward Brunel, Robert W. King, Louie W. Person, Anton Maskus, Guy Walamos, Guy E. Lindstedt, William R. Salts, Guy P. Beery, C. M. Ahlene, Oscar C. Becker, Rush I. Thomas, Vern F. Aldene, Hilbert Gustafson, James F. Tunney, George Economopoulos, Eric M. Bongren, John Leroy Peterson, James Alexander Hart, Ivar G. Anderson, Chester Lind, Andrew Kefolos, Lester B. Peterson.

1601 NAMES ARE SIGNED TO A NOTE

Mrs. Sidney Harris, Formerly Grace Velle, Spends \$800 to Furnish Smokes to Soldiers.

Treasured because of the unusual circumstances which prompted it, Mrs. Sidney Harris, formerly Miss Grace Velle, Moline, who is now in England, preparing to do Red Cross work, has in her possession a letter with 1,601 signatures.

The names are those of happy Canadians who she supplied with smokes at a cost of \$800. It all happened this way: Mr. and Mrs. Harris sailed for Europe, both to do war service. It was found that the entire group of soldiers on their ship was without the "makins." Not only did they have no tobacco with them, but had no funds with which to purchase any of the ports which were touched.

Mrs. Harris determined to relieve the situation and when the transport landed at Halifax she laid in a supply of smokes to last all of the men for the entire journey.

So pleased were the Canadians at this thoughtfulness on the part of the American woman, they wrote her a note of appreciation and every one of the 1,601 fighting men signed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris landed in England the middle of last month.

RANNEY IS BOOSTED.

George Ranney, it is understood, is being boosted for township assessor to fill the unexpired term of H. M. Oldefest, who tomorrow takes his oath of office as commissioner of public property of Moline. A meeting of the town board will be called in the next few days, it is said, for the purpose of appointing a successor to Mr. Oldefest. Such action will not be taken, however, until Mr. Oldefest has filed his resignation as a member of the board, and he declared today that he will not formally resign until he has been officially accepted as member of the city commission. The term of Mr. Oldefest as assessor runs until Jan. 1, 1919.

It has been suggested that the township board delay the appointment of his successor until after the meeting of the township Republican committee meeting, which is to be held some time in March, and then appoint the man nominated by the convention for election April 2, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Oldefest. Although the assessor is elected the first Tuesday in April he doesn't enter office until January of the next year.

By appointing the man who is elected in April to do the work from the date of his election until the following January, he would be acquiring valuable experience, which will be to his advantage in the task of making revaluations in 1919, and it would keep him in office nearly three years continuously. Revaluations are made every four years.

E. M. Lethin, clerk of the town board, stated this morning that he knew nothing of the proposed meeting of the board, and he declared that no action will be taken with respect to the appointment of an assessor until the resignation of Mr. Oldefest is received.

Asked if he had any recommendations to make Mr. Oldefest declared that he positively did not.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.

Omer McKee paid a fine of \$10 and costs in police court in East Moline this morning on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Joe Kerrigan. They engaged in a conflict Tuesday evening and Kerrigan was beaten with a beer bottle. When police arrived McKee had disappeared, but he was picked up later.

FOOD EXPERTS TO ADDRESS MEETING

Lecturers Sent Out By Government Will Discuss Vital War Problems at Open Session.

European war conditions are to be fully considered by experts sent out by the United States food administration at a lecture which will be given tomorrow evening at the Moline Commercial club. Among the speakers will be John B. Lord, Mrs. Basil Clarke and Dr. Henry C. Culbertson.

The gathering has been arranged under the joint auspices of the Moline food commission and the Rock Island county branch of the National Security league. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Lord was one of six men selected from a list of hundreds of available men as representatives of the U. S. government to investigate conditions on the French and Italian battle fronts. Dr. Culbertson has been an extensive traveler in Europe and Asia Minor and he has knowledge of the European situation from first hand observation. He was in Holland when the war began and knows intimately the conditions of all the warring peoples. He is an able speaker and handles his big subject with the power of a master.

Has Inside Dope.

Mr. Lord, with other members of the commission, was given credentials which admitted him to the inner councils of the highest military and civil authorities among the allies, as well as the trenches on both the French and Italian fronts and to the homes of the people behind the lines.

Through England and France the entire commission of six men thoroughly investigated city and country life—saw the long line at London's municipal kitchens; studied England's farm preparations for increasing the food supply; motored through the agricultural districts of France and in addition conferred with British and French food controllers. For five days they lived with the soldiers in the American expeditionary forces, and at this time had conferences with General Pershing and his staff of officers. American audiences will be told actual conditions as to the army camps' food supply—not in the form of official reports, but in the more interesting style of the lecturer who has an eye for the human interest element involved.

In the Lodges

Moline lodge of Masons held an all day session yesterday, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning to initiate candidates. Seven were initiated and at 5:30 supper was served, at which there was a large attendance.

MAN HELD FOR FRAUD, ARRESTED IN MOLINE

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 31.—Henry A. Miller, under indictment at Madison, Wis., for using the mails to defraud, is being held here by federal authorities. He was arrested in Moline, where he was returned to Madison to stand trial.

BOYS CALLED TO COLORS.

America, by the Illinois council of defense, has called all high school boys to the colors. Instead of khaki, the high school boys will be uniformed in coveralls and blue shirts. Instead of a gun they will shoulder a spade and a hoe. Their battlefield will be the wheat and corn fields of America.

E. P. Nutting, principal of Moline high school, has been named recruiting agent for the Plov city. He is today issuing his call for volunteers who will serve on the farms of Illinois and Iowa this summer. An attempt will be made to register 200 boys for agricultural work.

Purpose of the movement to register all high school boys for service on farms during vacation is to be guarded against a prospective shortage of farm labor and to assure the nation and the men who are fighting its battles a sufficient food supply for next winter.

The council of defense believes that a large share of farm work can be done by boys of high school age. For several years there has been a shortage of farm labor. With the increased demand for men in industry that shortage is growing more intense.

Mr. Nutting believes that the boys of Moline high school are capable of giving great assistance in the job of producing food. "Our boys proved last summer that they make pretty fair farmers," said Mr. Nutting. "I believe they will respond to the call that is being made."

Mr. Nutting stated that a large number of Moline high school boys worked on a farm last summer. And, says Mr. Nutting, they not only did good work, but they also were well paid for their labor.

Arrangements have already been made by Mr. Nutting to give a course in elementary agriculture in Moline high school next week. The course is based on an outline recommended by the state council of defense and approved by Professor Davenport of the agricultural department of Illinois university.

The course will be given under supervision of Miss Mantis Bloom, instructor in biology, and O. J. Gable, science instructor. Miss Bloom is herself an experienced farmer, was reared on a farm and spends much of her spare time there. Mr. Gable is also an experienced agriculturalist.

The course is designed to fit city boys for elementary farm work and to give them preparation for other agricultural labor.

The course will be concluded in time to enable students to get on the farms for early spring work. Boys who take the course will receive credit towards graduation just as in other courses. They must, however, work on a farm in summer, if they are to receive such credit.

The new semester opens Monday.

East Moline Society

Silvis Red Cross workers are well pleased with the success of the parties they gave yesterday for the benefit of a home knitting fund. At the afternoon card party there must have been at least a hundred women, for the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Five hundred was played, and the lucky ones were Mrs. Fred Sweetland, Mrs. Ella Hagerdorn, and Mrs. Frank Haddick, all of them receiving dainty basket shaped bags of cretonne. Mrs. A. J. Whitmarsh received a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers as the all out prize. Fifty ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. James Shannon in the afternoon. Some of them knitted and others trying their luck at dominoes. Mrs. Harry Wright of Rock Island was high scorer in the domino game, and she was presented with a pretty knitting bag. The all cut favors were received by Mrs. O. C. Williams and Mrs. Charles Frew; they were knitting rings in which bouquets of flowers were cleverly arranged. Mrs. Samuel Marchant was considered the best knitter and drew the ever useful knitting needle protectors. Both parties were climaxed by the serving of attractive lunches.

The stag card party in the evening at the Odd Fellows hall showed how anxious Silvis men are to do their bit. The prizes went to Harry Hockman and Dick Reddig. Anton Ostroff receiving the all cut prize. Decks of cards proved to be the much appreciated favors. Refreshments were also the final feature of the party. There were visitors at all the parties from Moline and East Moline. The committee in charge expect that after all obligations are cleared the fund will amount to \$55.

James Shannon was a very much surprised man Monday evening when 12 of his friends walked in to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary. The men spent the evening playing cards, and later enjoyed a lunch. The guests presented Mr. Shannon with a handsome bathrobe.

Mrs. George Forrest was hostess to the Methodist Aid society of Watertown yesterday afternoon. Nearly all of the members were present and they spent a busy afternoon sewing carpet bags. The women stopped only when refreshments were served.

Mrs. Fred Mitchell will entertain the Willing Workers Sunday school class of the Watertown Methodist church tomorrow evening.

Ladies' auxiliary of East Moline Eagles will sponsor a dance at the Eagles' hall Saturday evening, Feb. 2. Soldiers from the arsenal are to be guests. Wixon's orchestra will furnish the music. The proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Mrs. William McKloskey of Albany, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Shaw, fell Tuesday afternoon on a slippery walk and broke her arm quite badly.

Belgian women are loyal supporters of the Red Cross, and they are proving to be so in Moline. The garment workers as they are knitters. Yesterday afternoon their nimble fingers accomplished a great deal of work for the garment department.

PATROL IS IN SERVICE.

East Moline's new auto patrol is in service, but as yet it has not been used for bringing in any prisoners. Joe Kerrigan was the first to benefit by the use of the machine as an ambulance. He was severely beaten and was found by the police lying in the snow. He was brought to headquarters by a doctor. It is said in police circles that there probably will not be a boost in the amount of the fine for persons who become intoxicated. "Plain drunks" now are assessed \$2 and costs upon conviction.

PREVENTS WRECK.

In order to prevent a long freight train on the Milwaukee from being wrecked last evening, F. H. Vance, foreman in the large shop of the Deere Harvester plant, East Moline, jumped onto a box car and set the air by turning the angle cock controlling the air supply, thereby bringing the train to a stop. As the train neared a switch at the Harvester plant, the front trucks of one of the cars jumped the track and there is every indication that the entire train would have been derailed, but for the prompt work of Mr. Vance, who was on his way home from work when the incident occurred.

ALIEN BLANKS ARRIVE.

V. Y. Dallman, United States marshal, has forwarded to Ed Coryn, Moline postmaster, a supply of blank forms to be used in the registration of German enemy aliens. In his letter accompanying the blanks Mr. Dallman says: "The chief of police in your city will have charge of the registration of all German enemy aliens residing in the police district. The department of justice desires that German enemy aliens residing outside of your city, but receiving mail through your office shall be registered by officials of the postoffice through which they receive their mail."

Mr. Coryn gives Mr. Dallman assurance of his hearty co-operation with the police department to the end that German enemy aliens residing outside of Moline who are receiving their mail through the Moline postoffice may be registered.

OBSERVE TAG DAY.

Moline school children observed tag day for coal shovels yesterday. They gave tag days at the various buildings, following explanations by their teachers as to the necessity and wisdom of fuel conservation. On the tags were definite and concrete reasons for exercising the greatest economy in saving every shovelful of coal.

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LEA ORDERED TO AID WAR PROJECT

Domestic Trade Manager of Moline Plow Company Nominated for Major and Called South.

Another prominent Moline man has entered the service of Uncle Sam. This time it is R. W. Lea, domestic trade manager of the Moline Plow company and chairman of the executive board of that concern, who will drop his usual duties to aid in democratic supreme test.

Mr. Lea has been ordered to report as soon as possible at Jeffersonville, Ark., depot to superintend army wagon production, for which duty he is especially well qualified since he is a member of the wagon and vehicle committee of the war department, with R. V. Board and A. B. Thielems.

Some time ago Colonel Wood, who has charge of the wagon branch of the ordnance department, sought to induce the plow company to loan Mr. Lea's services, but because of his important connection with the concern it was felt that this could not be done at this time. However, under the orders received yesterday, he will be compelled to give war work his entire attention. He has been nominated for a commission as major and will be under the direction of General Goethals. Something of the magnitude of the factories at Jeffersonville and at Stoughton, Wis., the latter a branch of the Moline Plow company, can be gained from the statement that 75,000 army transport wagons of one type are being turned out by them.

EAST MOLINE'S COAL SITUATION IMPROVED

East Moline's fuel situation was slightly improved today, and strenuous efforts are being made by the county fuel administration to bring about permanent relief for the community. Developments yesterday included:

Dr. G. F. Johnson was invested with authority of fuel administrator for the East Moline and Silvis district, and he designated T. J. Schafer, chief of police, as his deputy to handle emergency cases.

Orders have been given to the Stoehr & Schadt coal mine operators that the whole output of that mine, amounting to about twenty-seven tons daily, must be distributed under direction of the East Moline and Silvis emergency agency. T. J. Schafer, Steamers hauling coal into East Moline from the mines are ordered to report to the police and get instructions as to the delivery, and to take no orders direct. They are also limited to one-ton deliveries to a customer.

Regulations have been established for inspection in each case where emergency orders for coal are made. One car of coal was received by the Moline Ice company today and is being used to fill East Moline emergency orders, and another was received by the Silvis Ice & Fuel company, to meet emergency calls in Silvis. Another car will be received this afternoon, it is believed.

Dr. G. F. Johnson has word from out of town owners of two cars of coal in East Moline that, to meet serious needs here, that the coal will be released to Dr. Johnson, and he expects to get possession of this fuel today. It will be used for emergency cases.

H. A. Clevens, chairman of the county fuel administration, assured a committee of East Moline and Silvis coal dealers that every possible effort to relieve the situation here will be made, and already results are being obtained.

Emergency orders poured in last night and this morning to Chief Schafer's office. Before 9 this morning 30 orders were received. Arrangements were made to supply coal in every case where inspection showed the need to be genuine and the call to come from a place in the first preferred class. An officer was detailed to inspect each place before the order is approved and turned over to a dealer for delivery.

Reports of violation of the restriction on delivery to one ton to a customer came to Dr. Johnson today and he ordered an investigation through the police. Notice was served on the purchaser in one case that if the emergency committee found need of the coal it would remove the excess over one ton from the bin, and that further violations would result in prosecution.

Attempts to hoard coal are not to succeed in East Moline, those handling the situation declare. Vigorous measures will be taken in any case where the regulations are not obeyed to the letter.

HERBERG IN JAIL.

Folke Herberg is still being held as a draft evader. Herberg was committed to Rock Island county jail yesterday afternoon by Police Magistrate Gustafson. Technically he is held on a charge of assault and battery, his trial on that charge being scheduled for Feb. 8.

Herberg was taken before the Moline exemption board just prior to being taken to the county jail. He was subjected to a thorough examination as to the reason why he did not register.

The exemption board did not announce its decision in the matter. It is probable that the state adjutant general will be consulted before further action against Herberg is taken.

VETERAN EMPLOYE QUILTS.

After 30 years of service as tool foreman for the Rock Island road, J. W. Pike, Silvis, has been forced to resign because of failing health. Mr. and Mrs. Pike expect to leave for Arizona soon, where they will make their home, in the hope that the change will be beneficial to the former. On Monday afternoon, a committee from the toolroom at the Silvis shops, called on the couple and presented Mr. Pike with a watch fob and his wife, a brooch. Mrs. Pike will be much missed, having served last year as president of the Woman's club of Moline.

Obituary

Samuel C. Suman.

Samuel C. Suman, 1620 Twenty-seventh avenue, Moline, died at Tucson, Ariz., yesterday. He left for Tucson several months ago in an attempt to recover his health. He was formerly employed at the Moline Universal Tractor plant and was a member of Moline aerie No. 1112, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mrs. Suman left for Arizona three days ago, following word that her husband was critically ill. Mr. Suman will be buried in Riverside cemetery, Moline. The remains are expected to arrive in Moline tomorrow. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon and will be under auspices of Moline Eagles.

Mrs. Guy Jamieson.

Mrs. Guy Jamieson of South Moline, passed away yesterday at noon in a Moline hospital, following an operation. Her maiden name was Miss Lilly Anna Lound and was born March 2, 1857, in South Moline and lived practically all her life in Rock Island county.

On Sept. 28, 1892, she was married to Guy Jamieson in Moline, who survives her with three sons, Wallace, Roland and Leroy, all at home, and her mother, Mrs. Francis Lound of South Moline; also two brothers, William and M. D. Lound, both residing in South Moline.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from the Bowlesburg church and interment will be made in the Bowlesburg cemetery. Rev. Oliver R. Enselman of the Second Methodist church in Moline will have charge.

William McKenna.

William McKenna, 223 Forty-sixth street, Moline, died yesterday morning at 11:35 in a Plow City hospital, having been ill three weeks with typhoid pneumonia. He was born June 30, 1900, in Moline and attended the public schools, later working at the Marshalls plant, East Moline, where he was learning the machinist trade. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McKenna, one sister, Mrs. Walter Lipps and two brothers, Winzel and John, at home. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, with Rev. F. G. Olson officiating.

Interment will take place in Riverside cemetery.

TEACHERS TO HELP.

Twenty-six teachers of the Moline high school and 10 of the manual arts department have been enlisted by the government for the task of classifying registrants according to their occupational qualifications. E. P. Nutting, principal of the high school, is now preparing a schedule that will distribute the work equitably among the teachers. He figures that it will be possible for each of the 36 teachers to devote two afternoons or two evenings to work of the government.

In addition to the teachers, six will be supplied by Port Byron. In a letter to Mr. Coburn this morning Howard C. Auman, principal of the Port Byron school, states that he will send six teachers to Moline each Saturday to work from noon until 2:45 p. m. Teachers from other towns of Rock Island district No. 2 will also assist.

The occupational classification of registrants involves a great deal of clerical work, which must be done as quickly and accurately as possible.

SPECIAL TAXES DUE.

Today is the last day on which special assessments, taxes can be paid without interest charges, announced C. V. Johnson, Moline commissioner of accounts and finance, this morning. The city will continue collecting special assessments until March 1, but a charge of five per cent interest on all money collected will be made, the interest to be computed on a yearly basis. After March 1 the rolls will be turned over to the county treasurer and the interest charges will be increased.

URGE WOMEN TO RENEWED EFFORT

Miss Ina Taft and Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Both of Chicago, Make Appeals for Red Cross Work.

That American women do not yet seem to understand that this country is actually engaged in the fiercest combat in history and that they have not begun to make the sacrifices which they should make in order to insure the Sammies in the trenches of the support they need to fight a winning battle, was the message that Miss Ina Taft, Chicago, director of the women's bureau of the central division of the Red Cross, brought to the members of the Moline chapter at the first annual meeting of the organization last evening. The gathering was held in Recreation hall and attracted a large attendance. The feature of the business session was the selection of a board of directors. Twelve were nominated and after a spirited contest the following six were elected: Mrs. Josephine Barnhardt, M. J. Duryea, A. T. Foster, R. B. Lourie, Mollie McEniry and G. W. Ross.

Miss Taft said that more than 100,000 sweaters had been sent to Europe and that if all the work which the Red Cross has done since the war started had been paid for, it would have cost \$35,000,000 to hire persons to do the knitting and sewing.

"Don't stop knitting because warmer weather is coming," urged Miss Taft. "We don't want to face another winter like this one. Summer time is the time to prepare for winter. It doesn't make any difference if it does get warm and you are uncomfortable and would rather not knit. You must think of the soldiers in France, the men who are in the trenches, who are suffering untold hardships and discomforts and who are dying for you."

"If every woman in America knitted during all her spare time she could not knit enough to supply all the soldiers with the garments needed. We can send and send and send to France before we will really feel it."

"Red Cross work is women's army service. Women must stand side by side with the men in fighting this war. American women must hold the homes of French soldiers together. The American Red Cross must feed the families of these soldiers in France and Belgium."

"The American Red Cross stands between the children of France and Belgium and want and starvation. Red Cross women are doing magnificent work. But they are beginning to tire in some parts of the country. They must not grow lax or careless in their efforts. We have had only a few months of war; Europe has had four winters. We haven't made any sacrifice; we know nothing of casualty lists, of the hours of anguish and the days of impatient waiting."

Eye Witness Speaks.
Another interesting speaker was Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Chicago, who recently returned from France where she was in the supply department of the Red Cross. She told in graphic manner of the great need for Red Cross work there and her descriptions of the horrors of German warfare, and especially the desolation which Belgium was striving.

Praise for what has been accomplished by the loyal women of Moline and the upper end of Rock Island county in boosting the work of the Red Cross was given by William Butterworth, president of the chapter, who presided.

PATIENT IS MISSING.

Henry Hakes, a Watertown hospital patient, is reported missing, and police have been notified. He is 50 years old. He weighs 145 pounds, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, has light